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The following abbreviated chronicle of interesting events connected with Aberdeen and the North of Scotland contains all occurrences of outstanding importance within the period embraced. The object being to present a bird's-eye view of local history, the information is necessarily given in condensed form.

1801.

Mr David Scott of Duninald elected rector of King's College.

Foundation stone of Union Bridge laid by Provost Dingwall.

Foundation stone of Spey Bridge, Fochabers, laid by Lord Huntly.

James Hadden elected Provost of Aberdeen—September 23.

Right Hon. Henry Dundas entertained in Aberdeen.

The news of peace in Aberdeen—great rejoicings.

Death of Mr Alexander Allardyce, M.P. for the Burghs of Aberdeen, Montrose, Brechin, Arbroath, and Bervie.

Census of this year showed population of Aberdeen to be 13,560.

1802.

Mr James Farquhar of Hallgreen elected M.P. for the Aberdeen Burghs—January 4.

Pilot's boat capsized at Newburgh—8 persons drowned.

Alexander Baxter of Glassel elected Lord Rector of Marischal College, and Alexander Irvine of Drum, Dean of Faculty.

The Peace of Amiens—in Aberdeen great rejoicings.

Charlotte Street laid out and named in honour of the Queen.

Mr Farquhar, M.P. for Aberdeen, presented address to the King from the city.

James Ferguson of Pitfour elected M.P. for Aberdeenshire by 61 votes to 41 for Major-General Hay of Rannes.

James Farquhar re-elected M.P. for Aberdeen Burghs—July 30.

Beacon placed on Bell Rock.

Riot in Castle Street on King's birthday between Ross and Cromarty Rangers and citizens —four killed, ten wounded.

Greathead lifeboat presented to Aberdeen by Alexander Baxter of Glassel.

1803.

Death of Dr George Skene, physician in Aberdeen.

Addresses from the city and county presented to the King congratulating His Majesty on his escape from assassination.

A Boulton and Watt 20 h.p. steam engine started in Messrs Forbes, Low and Co.'s cotton works. The first steam engine ever erected in this part of the country.

Rev. Dr Gilbert Gerard, Moderator of General Assembly.

The Loyal Aberdeen Volunteers raised under Captain Finlayson, in August offered to extend their services to any part of the kingdom in case of invasion.

On the King's birthday the Royal mail coach passed for the first time along the line of Union Street to Back Wynd.

Death of General James Francis Edward Scott, of the Prussian service, son of William Scott, of Auchterdonauld, Aberdeenshire.

Harry Troup, shoemaker, died at Balnacraig, Aboyne, aged 103.

Duchess of Gordon presented colours to Inverness-shire Militia.

Death of James Beattie, Professor of Moral Philosophy and Logic in Marischal College.

Numerous offers of volunteers from city and county in case of invasion.

Key-stone of Union Bridge put in on Thursday, August 25th.

Thomas Leys, of Glasgoforest, elected Lord Provost of Aberdeen—August 28.

Died at Balbithan, General Benjamin Gordon, the oldest freeholder in the county.

The brig Thomas, of North Shields, wrecked in Bay of Nigg—seven drowned, including master. Numerous other shipping casualties in great gale of December.

1804.

Colours presented to 1st Regiment Aberdeen Volunteers by Duchess of Gordon—February 23.

H.M.S. York, 64 guns, lost off Buchan coast.

Great military review on King's birthday.

Death of Lord Forbes, Premier Baron of Scotland, aged 84—July 29.

Death of the Earl of Kintore at Keith-Hall—August 30.

Provost Leys re-elected—August 28.

Duel on the Links between Messrs Ja. Y. and W.C., both officers in the 2nd Regiment Aberdeen Volunteers.

Colours presented to City Volunteers by Provost Leys.

The Nile, of Aberdeen, lost on Spurn Head with all hands.

1805.

Lord Aberdeen's coming of age.

Lord Aberdeen introduced to Her Majesty at a drawing-room.

Lord Huntly entertained to dinner by Aberdeen Town Council.

Opening of the Aberdeenshire Canal.

Opening of Union Street on His Majesty's birthday.

A captain and a doctor meet on the links of St Fergus to decide an affair of honour. The business, however, was amicably settled.

Mr Alexander Brebner of Learney, elected Provost of Aberdeen.

Professor Scott elected Provost of Old Aberdeen.

Lord Glenbervie elected rector of King's College for 1806.

Death of Nelson — Thanksgiving service in Aberdeen for Nelson's victory at Trafalgar.

1806.

"Aberdeen Chronicle" started.

The Marquis of Huntly retires from the command of the district, and is entertained by the Town Council.

Alexander Brebner of Learney re-elected Provost of Aberdeen.

Freedom of the city conferred on the Earl of Aberdeen.

The troops in Aberdeen district reviewed by the Right Hon. Lord Cathcart, Commander-in-Chief in Scotland.

Opening of the Relief Church, Shiprow, for public worship.

Death of Sir William Forbes of Pitsligo, Bart.

Hon. John Ramsay elected M.P. for the Burghs of Aberdeen.

Mr James Ferguson of Pitfour elected member of Parliament for the county of Aberdeen by a majority of two votes—Mr Ferguson, 48 votes; Lieutenant-General Hay of Rannes, 46 votes.

Right Hon. Sir William Grant, Master of the Rolls, returned for Banffshire—Mr George Skene of Skene returned for the burghs of Elgin, Banff, Cullen, Kintore, and Inverurie.

1807.

House of Correction, or Bridewell, projected.

Increased water supply led into Broad Street reservoir by cast iron pipe of 5 inches diameter by John Blaikie, plumber.

Construction of Fraserburgh Harbour begun.

Pitmedden House, formerly seat of Sir William Seton, burned to the ground.

Dissolution of Parliament — M.P.'s elected—Aberdeen, James Farquhar; Aberdeenshire, Mr James Ferguson of Pitfour; Banff, Sir William Grant; Kincardine, Mr William Adams.

Gunpowder magazine erected at Gallow Hill.

Death of Rev. John Skinner of Linshart, author of "Tullochgorum," etc.

Death of Alexander Shaw, founder of Shaw's Hospital.

1808.

General meeting of county of Aberdeen passed loyal address to the King.

Castle Forbes partly destroyed by fire.

The foundation stone of the new bridge over the river Dee at Ballater was laid by Mr Farquharson, of Monaltrie.

The Marquis of Huntly appointed Lord-Lieutenant of the county.

"A neat, well laid-out, new fish-town near the pier for pilots and white-fishers" finished.

Pilot's Well built at New Fishtown near the blockhouse.

Volunteer corps of city and county offer to transfer their services to local militia, which is accepted.

Councillor George More of Raeden re-elected Provost of Aberdeen.

Captain Barclay of Ury undertakes to walk 1000 miles in 1000 hours for 1000 guineas.

Fraserburgh volunteers, 400 strong, and other detachments enrolled as local militia.

Lord Glenbervie re-elected Rector of King's College.

1809.

Bill enabling Aberdeenshire Canal Company to raise funds for completion of their undertaking passed by Parliament.

Sir William Grant re-elected Lord Rector of Marischal College.

Mr James Hadden elected Provost of Aberdeen.

Aberdeen Bridewell opened.

The Earl of Aboyne placed in position the keystone of Ballater Bridge.

Drum Castle sustained considerable damage by fire.

Freedom of Aberdeen conferred on Lieutenant-General Sir David Baird, K.B.

Jubilee celebrations of King George III., processions and illuminations in Aberdeen, sermon in West Church by Principal Brown, Marischal College. Banquet in Cleugh's Inn, Lord Huntly presiding.

Death of Provost Leys, Convener of the County.

Aberdeen Ropeworks levelled to the ground by the gale.

1810.

Sir William Grant re-elected Rector of Marischal College.

Mr Thomas Telford proposed improvements to Aberdeen Harbour at estimated expenditure of nearly £122,000. Bill carried through Parliament by Mr Farquhar. Public dinner to Provost Hadden on his return from London, after a stay of some months in charge of the bill.

Aberdeenshire freeholders declined to petition in favour of the Harbour Bill which would enable the Magistrates to borrow £140,000.

Mr John Menzies of Pitfodels elected convener of the county.

Freedom of the city conferred on Mr James Stephen, M.P., barrister-at-law.

Royal Assent given to Aberdeen Harbour Improvement Bill. Lord Provost Hadden entertained on returning from London for his efforts in connection with the bill.

The "Union" Coach established between Aberdeen and Perth.

St John's Chapel, Aberdeen, opened.

Mr James Hadden re-elected Provost.

Death of James Beattie, Professor of Civil and Natural History, Marischal College.

1811.

Extension of North Pier commenced—Mr John Gibb, superintendent of works.

Bridge of Alford built.

Dredging machine first used in Aberdeen Harbour.

Lord Glenbervie re-elected Rector of King's College.

French Government adopted the percussion cap, invented by Rev. A. J. Forsyth, minister of Belhelvie.

1812.

Right Hon. Sir William Grant, Master of the Rolls, re-elected Lord Rector of Marischal College.

Died on the 1st March, at Argyle Street, London, the Countess of Aberdeen.

Death of Jane, Duchess of Gordon.

Foundation stone of Potarch Bridge laid—designed by Telford.

Mr James Young re-elected Provost of Aberdeen.

Baillie Lyon, Inverurie, charged before the Circuit Court with malversation of office in having celebrated clandestine marriage and received recompense. Charge dismissed.

Mr James Farquhar re-elected M.P. for Aberdeen Burghs.

Mr James Ferguson of Pitfour unanimously re-elected M.P. for Aberdeenshire.

Mr R. Abercromby of Forglen elected M.P. for Banffshire.

Lord Glenbervie re-elected Rector of King's College.

Mr P. Farquharson elected president of the Aberdeen Society of Advocates.

Mr George Glennie, Professor of Philosophy, Marischal College, elected minister of Greyfriars Church.

1813.

Loss of the Oscar and 41 lives at Girdleness—April 1.

Sir William Grant re-elected Lord Rector of Marischal College.

Mr James Hadden re-elected Provost of Aberdeen.

Freedom of Aberdeen conferred on Mr Charles Forbes of Auchmedden, M.P. for Beverley.

Celebrations at Peterhead on reception of news announcing victories by the allies at Leipsic.

Death of Rev. Dr John Ogilvie, of Midmar.

1814.

Death of Sir Alexander Bannerman, Bart., of Kirkhill, M.P.

Rev. Dr Glennie, Professor of Philosophy, Marischal College, appointed parish minister by Town Council.

Mr Charles Forbes of Auchmedden, M.P., elected Lord Rector of Marischal College.

Rev. Dr James Ross appointed patron, Incorporated Trades.

Public rejoicings in Aberdeen on "the dethronement of the Tyrant, Napoleon."

Town Council presented loyal address to the King in recognition of the brilliant victories gained by the troops.

Aberdeen Militia on duty at Tower of London.

Royal Assent given to an Act for erecting a new Court-House and Municipal Buildings in Aberdeen.

Mr James Hadden re-elected Provost of Aberdeen.

Mr James Ferguson of Pitfour elected Lord Rector of King's College.

Mr Thomas Burnett of Park elected president of the Aberdeen Society of Advocates.

1815.

First award of Burnett Prize — to Principal Lawrence Brown; Dr Summer, afterwards Archbishop of Canterbury, being second.

Freedom of the city conferred on Mr John Lumsden of Cushnie, formerly of Bengal.

Establishment of Aberdeen Savings Bank.

News of Waterloo.

Mr Alexander Fraser elected Provost of Aberdeen.

Deaths of Principal Roderick Macleod and Professors Duncan and Gerard, of King's College.

Rev. Mr Mearns, Tarves, elected Professor in room of the late Professor Gerard.

Marquis of Huntly installed as Chancellor of Marischal College.

Storm on January 9, in which three vessels were lost at the harbour mouth with their crews.

1816.

Loyal address from Aberdeen Town Council to the Prince Regent on his marriage.

Celebrations in Aberdeen on first anniversary of Waterloo.

Mr Alexander Fraser was re-elected Provost of Aberdeen.

Death of Mr Alexander Simpson of Collyhill—Bequest of his estate to Gordon's Hospital.

Mr Joseph Lancaster visited Aberdeen; Lancasterian School started.

1817.

Professor Macpherson appointed sub-Principal of King's College.

Opening of St Andrew's Episcopal Church.

Mr Charles Forbes of Auchmedden, M.P., elected Provost of Aberdeen in absence. Resigned.

Lord Aberdeen elected Lord Rector of King's College.

Financial embarrassment of Aberdeen.

1818.

Aberdeen Police Bill passed.

Aberdeen disenfranchised by the Court of Session and managers of the town's affairs appointed.

Mr Ferguson of Pitfour returned M.P. for Aberdeenshire unopposed.

Mr Hume re-elected M.P. for Aberdeen.

Mr Alexander Brebner of Learney elected Provost of Aberdeen.

Foundation stone of Fraserburgh south pier laid.

Freedom of Aberdeen conferred on Mr John Maberly, M.P., owner of Broadford Works and banker.

1819.

Debate in the House of Commons on April 1 on motion by Lord Archibald Hamilton for the production of a copy of the warrant issued by the

Crown for the election of Magistrates in 1812; and also copy of the petition on which that warrant was granted. A petition was presented by the Burgesses of Guild against the system of self-election in the burgh government.

Mr Alexander Brebner of Learney re-elected Provost.

Address from the county to the Prince Regent on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of George III.

Institution for deaf and dumb founded.

1820.

Death of George III. Aberdeen in Mourning. Addresses of condolence and congratulation to George IV.

Mr Gavin Hadden elected Provost.

Hon. Captain William Gordon, R.N., elected M.P. for the county of Aberdeen, October 17.

Address from Aberdeen to Queen Caroline, presented by Mr Hume, M.P.

Illumination of the city on the acquittal of the Queen. Congratulatory addresses sent to Her Majesty by the Town Council and other bodies.

Assembly Rooms—new Music Hall Buildings—erected.

1821.

The Earl of Fife elected Lord Rector of Marischal College.

Loyal demonstrations in Aberdeen on the coronation of George IV.

Census of Aberdeenshire—population, 156,385; increase, 21,310.

First Aberdeen artists' exhibition.

Mr Gavin Hadden re-elected Provost of Aberdeen.

The Earl of Aberdeen re-elected Lord Rector of King's College.

Blackfriars Street Congregational Church opened.

Steam navigation established between Aberdeen and Leith.

Lunatic Asylum opened.

1822.

Mr William Simpson, advocate, appointed Procurator-Fiscal for Aberdeenshire; and Mr Charles Donaldson, advocate, appointed Procurator-Fiscal for Aberdeen.

Mr Charles Forbes of Auchmedden, M.P., re-elected Lord Rector of Marischal College.

Aberdeen shipowners petitioned Parliament against the proposed alteration of the Navigation Laws.

Mr Alexander Brown elected Provost of Aberdeen.

Death of Dr William Livingston, Professor of Medicine, Marischal College.

Lord Aberdeen re-elected Lord Rector of King's College.

Proposed additional water supply for Aberdeen.

Death of Dr Copland, Professor of Natural Philosophy, Marischal College.

1823.

Mr Joseph Hume, M.P., elected Lord Rector of Marischal College.

Triple execution at Aberdeen.

Mr Alexander Brown elected Provost.

Bon-Accord Square laid out by Mr Archibald Simpson.

1824.

Formation of a gaslight company in Aberdeen.

Mr Joseph Hume, M.P., re-elected Lord Rector of Marischal College.

Death of the Duchess of Gordon.

Mr Gavin Hadden re-elected Provost.

The Earl of Aberdeen re-elected Lord Rector of King's College.

Hugh Hart, of Paisley, elected minister of the Old Relief Congregation, Aberdeen.

1825.

Foundation of the Town and County Bank.

Rev. James Foote appointed minister of East Church.

Mr Joseph Hume, M.P., re-elected Lord Rector of Marischal College.

The Post Office removed from Union Street to Mr John Barron's shop, head of Netherkirkgate.

Foundation of the Aberdeen Fire and Life Assurance Company—afterwards Scottish Provincial.

Mr Gavin Hadden re-elected Provost—September 28.

1826.

The "year of the short crop" and water famine.

Mr Melvin appointed Rector of the Grammar School.

Sir James M'Grigor, M.D., elected Lord Rector of Marischal College.

Death of Dr George Kerr, surgeon and journalist—March 21.

Hon Captain Gordon re-elected M.P. for Aberdeenshire and Mr Hume for Aberdeen District of Burghs.

Death of John Farquhar of Fonthill, an Aberdonian, who acquired a vast fortune as a merchant and army contractor in India—July 6.

Mr Alexander Brown elected Provost.

Death of Rev. Dr David Cruden, for 57 years minister of Nigg—November 8.

1827.

Mr Hume first elected M.P. for Aberdeen.

Foundation stone laid of New Bridge over the Dee: John Gibb, contractor; designed by Telford.

Death of Duke of Gordon—impressive funeral service.

Execution of Malcolm Gillespie, excise-man at Skene, for forgery.

Mr Alexander Brown re-elected Provost of Aberdeen.

Viscount Arbuthnott re-elected Lord Rector of King's College.

General Dispensary established.

Steam Navigation between Aberdeen and London begun.

1828.

Mr Gavin Hadden elected Provost of Aberdeen.

Death of Sir William Forbes of Pitsligo, Bart.

Viscount Arbuthnott re-elected Lord Rector of King's College.

Parish of St Nicholas divided into six parishes by decree of Court of Session.

Principal Brown, Marischal College, elected patron of the Aberdeen Incorporated Trades.

1829.

Act obtained for police purposes, including new water supply from Dee at Bridge of Dee.

Hospital for Orphan and Destitute Girls opened.

Tremendous flood in Aberdeen, etc.—August 3 and 4.

Mr John Leslie of Pyrie re-elected Provost of Old Aberdeen.

"Aberdeen Observer" started.

Death of Professor Robert Hamilton.

1830.

New Bridge of Don opened: cost £26,000.

Sir Charles Forbes, Bart., M.P., elected Lord Rector of Marischal College.

Death of Principal Brown, D.D., of Marischal College.

Captain Gordon re-elected M.P. for Aberdeen.

Sir James Carnegie, Bart., of Southesk, returned for Aberdeen District of Burghs.

Mr James Hadden re-elected Provost of Aberdeen.

Death of George IV.

Accession of William IV.—Great illuminations in Aberdeen.

Wellington Suspension Bridge opened.

1831.

Captain Gordon returned to Parliament for Aberdeenshire, Mr Horatio Ross of Rossie for the district of burghs, Mr John Morrison for Banffshire, and Hon. Colonel Francis W. Grant for the county of Elgin and Moray.

Death of Sir George Abercromby, Bart., of Birkenbog and Forglen.

Execution of Hugh Macleod, the murderer, at Inverness.

Great Reform Bill Demonstration—May 23.

Burning of the Anatomical Theatre in St Andrew Street by a mob.

1832.

Fire in Green—Three lives lost.

Rejoicings in Aberdeen on the passing of the Reform Bill.

Mr Gavin Hadden elected Provost of Aberdeen.

The Very Rev. William Jack, D.D., Principal of King's College, elected Provost of Old Aberdeen.

"Aberdeen Herald" takes the place of the "Chronicle."

Epidemic of cholera at Aberdeen.

The Right Hon. Viscount Arbuthnott elected Lord Rector of King's College.

First elections under Reform Bill—Demonstration on Broadhill—Vast attendance—May 18.

General Arbuthnott returned to Parliament for Kincardineshire, Colonel Leith-Hay for the Elgin and District Burghs, Mr Alexander Bannerman for the city of Aberdeen, and Hon. Captain Gordon for the county.

Failure of Maberly's Bank.

1833.

Mr James Blaikie, advocate, elected Provost of Aberdeen.

Public dinner in celebration of the passing of the Burgh Reform Bill.

Public dinner to Captain Gordon, M.P. for the county, at Ellon.

Aberdeen Commercial Bank amalgamated with the National Bank.

Girdleness Lighthouse finished.

1834.

Freedom of city conferred on Sixth Duke of Buccleuch and Eighth Marquis of Tweeddale.

Strike at Broadford Mills.

Mr Alexander Bannerman, M.P., elected Lord Rector of Marischal College.

Lord Brougham, Lord Chancellor, visits Aberdeen; public dinner; freedom of city conferred on his lordship.

Mr James Blaikie re-elected Provost.

Alexander Macdonald invented machinery for cutting, polishing, etc., of granite.

Death of Rev. Dr Kidd.

1835.

Captain Gordon elected M.P. for the county of Aberdeen, and Mr Alexander Bannerman for the city.

Dr Abercrombie elected Lord Rector of Marischal College.

Provost Blaikie, Aberdeen, re-elected.

Death of Rev. Charles Gordon, Roman Catholic priest.

1836.

Death of the last Duke of Gordon.

North of Scotland Bank established. Also North of Scotland (afterwards Northern) Assurance Company.

Freedom of city conferred on the Earl of Erroll.

Dinner by the Earl of Erroll to the deputy lieutenants.

Duke of Richmond elected Chancellor of Marischal College.

Death of Provost Blaikie.

Mr James Milne, merchant, appointed Provost.

Death of William Kennedy, author of "The Annals of Aberdeen."

1837.

Death of William IV.

East Church rebuilt.

Proclamation of Queen Victoria at Cross of Aberdeen on June 24th.

Re-election of Alexander Bannerman (Liberal) as M.P. for Aberdeen; and of Hon. William Gordon (Conservative) as M.P. for Aberdeenshire.

Foundation stone of new Marischal College buildings laid by Duke of Richmond and Lennox, who was presented with the freedom of the city. King's College Professors refused to attend ceremonial.

Commencement of Marnoch Parish Church settlement case.

Earl of Ellesmere elected Rector of King's and Lord Lyndhurst of Marischal College.

"Aberdeen Constitutional" established.

1838.

Local celebrations of coronation of Queen on June 28th.

Agitation against running mail coaches on Sunday between Edinburgh and Aberdeen.

Practice of placing lamps with City Arms at entrance to the Lord Provost's residence begun.

Tolbooth clock lighted with gas for first time.

Lord Brougham elected Rector of Marischal College.

1839.

Aberdeen Spalding Club founded by Joseph Robertson and John Stuart.

Aberdeen Harbour Improvements Bill promoted, but lost.

Anti-Corn Law lectures in Aberdeen.

Marnoch case, and suspension of seven Strathbogie ministers, and "non-intrusion" controversy.

Barber and Wigmakers' Society memorialise Town Council against certain parties keeping shops open on Sunday for shaving, but Council refuse to interfere.

Thomas Blaikie, plumber, elected Provost of Aberdeen, and held office till 1847.

Freedom of city conferred on Dr Watt, founder of Oldmill Reformatory and House of Industry and Refuge.

1840.

Local celebrations of Queen's marriage.

Foundation stones of North of Scotland Bank buildings, Public Schools in Little Belmont Street, and of the New Market laid. Public subscriptions in aid of new Post-Office for the city.

Freedom of city conferred on Duke of Sutherland, President of the Highland and Agricultural Association of Scotland.

Opening of Mrs Emslie's Female Orphan Asylum.

Riding of city outer marches.

Highland Society's Show in Aberdeen.

Aberdeen Philosophical Society established.

Death of Mr William Carnegie, Town Clerk—The office had been held by members of his family for nearly 200 years. John Angus appointed his successor.

1841.

Ordination, amid excitement, of Rev. John Edwards at Marnoch. Scene at the settlement of Rev. William Middleton at Culsalmond. Public meeting at Aberdeen in sympathy with deposed Strathbogie ministers.

Foundation stones of present Blind Asylum buildings and of widening of Bridge of Dee laid by Provost Blaikie.

Sir James M'Grigor elected Rector of Marischal College.

Opening of Little Belmont Street Schools.

Zion Chapel (Rev. Hugh Hart's) opened.

Freedom of city conferred on Mr Robert Wallace, M.P. for Greenock, in recognition of services for uniform Penny Postage.

Freedom of city conferred on Major Thomson of Fairley, C.B.

1842.

"Aberdeen Banner" started.

Steeplechases at Aberdeen.

Sir John F. Herschel elected Rector of Marischal College.

New Post Office at top of Market Street opened.

Riding of city inner marches.

Removal and restoration of Cross in Castlegate carried out.

Bridge of Dee, as widened, re-opened.

North of Scotland Bank buildings opened.

Female School of Industry, North Lodge, opened.

New Market Buildings publicly opened by musical promenade and concert.

1843.

Disruption of the Church of Scotland.

First meeting of the Aberdeen Free Church Presbytery. Six city churches left vacant by

ministers joining secession. Charge against Non-Intrusionists of entering parish churches and disturbing worshippers.

Harbour Improvements Bill passed.

Second Aberdeen Gas Light Company, formed.

Aberdeen horse races, stopped in 1824, resumed.

Asylum for Blind opened.

1844.

Visit of Cobden and other Free Trade speakers to Aberdeen—Counter agitation by landlords and farmers.

First show of Aberdeen, Banff, Kincardine, and East Forfar Agricultural Association.

Statue of ex-Provost James Blaikie, by Steell, placed in Drum's Aisle (afterwards taken to Town House).

Proposed formation of an Aberdeen White Fishing Company.

Queen visits Perthshire.

Proprietors of Defiance coach advertise that they book direct from Aberdeen to London, and that, by taking rail at Newcastle, the journey is performed "in the astonishingly short space of 36 hours."

Freedom of city conferred on Samuel M'Knight, of New Orleans, America, the founder of the M'Knight Mortification.

Freedom of city conferred on Rowland Hill.

1845.

Foundation stone of Mechanics' Institution laid.

Lectures in Aberdeen on Phonography by Benn Pitman.

Death of Provost James Hadden, aged 87.

London mail accelerated to reach Aberdeen in 44 hours.

Archibald Alison, historian, elected Rector of Marischal College.

Aberdeen Railway from Forfar to Aberdeen promoted by an Aberdeen company and sanctioned.

Aberdeen Temperance Society established.

1846.

Foundation stones of Victoria Docks and Trades Hall laid.

Collapse of railway arches at Ferryhill, and seven men killed.

Great North of Scotland and Aberdeen, Banff, and Elgin rival railway schemes promoted.

1847.

Death of Archibald Simpson, architect.

Town Council rejects the Improvements Bill of Provost Thomas Blaikie.

First operation at Aberdeen Hospital under anæsthetics (ether).

Large quantity of old coins found in Shoe Lane.

Trinity Hall built for the Incorporated Trades.

Highland Society's show at Aberdeen.

George Thompson, jun., shipowner, elected Lord Provost of Aberdeen.

Meeting at Aberdeen in favour of the abolition of drinking customs at funerals.

Alexander Dingwall Fordyce of Brucklay (Lib.) elected M.P. for Aberdeen.

"North of Scotland Gazette" commenced.

1848.

Queen landed at Aberdeen from her yacht, Victoria and Albert, and journeyed to Balmoral —September 7.

Prince Consort admitted an honorary burgess of Aberdeen.

Town Council make their meetings public and ride the city marches. Councillor Torrie, advocate, dissented from a resolution to dispense with the procession of Magistrates attending the West Church, and one Sunday ordered out the town sergeants, with their halberts, and proceeded to the church, where he occupied a seat in the magistrates' pew.

Failure of Leys, Masson, and Co., Grandholm Works; afterwards temporarily resumed.

Glen Tilt Right-of-Way case raised by Councillor Torrie and others.

Feargus O'Connor visits Aberdeen.

Old Aberdeen Gymnasium established.

Lord Robertson elected Rector of Marischal College.

Foundation stone of East Poorhouse laid.

1849.

Queen attends Braemar Gathering.

Sir Robert Peel visits Lord Aberdeen at Haddo House. Freedom of city conferred on him.

Practice of night watchmen calling the hours discontinued, except as at 4.30, 5.0, and 5.30 a.m.

Failure of the Aberdeen Bank.

1850.

Railway from south to Aberdeen (Ferryhill Station) opened—March 16.

Proprietor of Arthur Seat forms his grounds into a "Royal Gardens," or recreation ground, and advertises that one of the attractions of the park is the view it affords of incoming trains.

Opening of junction canal between the two harbours at Peterhead.

Trawling by a sailing boat tried in Aberdeen Bay.

Centenary of opening of Robert Gordon's Hospital.

Draining of Loch of Leys, Crathes.

George Henry, merchant, elected Lord Provost of Aberdeen.

Free Church College erected.

1851.

Stoppage of Gordon, Barron, and Co., Woodside Works.

Boat regatta started at Aberdeen.

Lord Provost Henry officially attended Paris International Exhibition fetes.

"Auld Bow Brig" removed from Denburn.

Freedom of city conferred on Sir James Graham.

1852.

Purchase of Balmoral estate by Prince Consort for £31,500.

Trial of Bell's reaper at Portlethen.

First turfs of Great North of Scotland Railway (Kittybrewster to Huntly) and of Deeside Railway (Aberdeen to Banchory) cut.

Centenary of Craigdam U.P. Church.

George Thompson, jun., shipowner, elected M.P. for Aberdeen.

1853.

"Free Press" founded

Wreck of steamer Duke of Sutherland at pierhead; sixteen lives lost.

Queen lays foundation stone of Balmoral Castle.

Deeside Railway opened to Banchory—September 7.

Death of Dr Melvin, Rector of Grammar School.

Thomas Blaikie re-elected Lord Provost of Aberdeen.

Aberdeen Ship Canal sold to Great North of Scotland Railway Company.

Freedom of city conferred on Earl of Carlisle, Lord Rector of Marischal College.

1854.

Stoppage of Milne, Cruden, and Co., Spring Garden Works, and Gordon's Mills.

Death of Captain Barclay of Urie.

Epidemic of cholera in Aberdeen, and death of 178 people.

Opening of railway from Kittybrewster to Huntly—four goods and passenger trains daily each way—September 19.

Lord Haddo (Conservative) elected M.P. for Aberdeenshire.

Aberdeen railway extended from Ferryhill to Guild Street.

Electric telegraph extended to Aberdeen.

Freedom of city conferred on Joseph Hume.

1855.

Establishment of Oldmill Reformatory.

Opening of railway from Kittybrewster to Waterloo.

Austen Henry Layard, M.P., elected Rector of Marischal College.

Completion and occupation of present Balmoral Castle—Mr William Smith, Aberdeen, architect.

1856.

Amalgamation of Aberdeen Railway and Scottish Midland Junction Railways into Scottish North-Eastern Railway Company.

John Webster, advocate, elected Lord Provost of Aberdeen.

Great North Railway extension from Huntly to Keith opened.

Oldmeldrum branch of Great North Railway opened.

Lord Provost Blaikie knighted.

1857.

Establishment of Aberdeen Hospital for Incurables.

Queen opens new bridge at the Linn o' Dee, and visits Haddo House, travelling by Alford and Oldmeldrum, and going south by Aberdeen.

The *Fox* fitted out and sailed from Aberdeen with Franklin Search Expedition, under Captain Leopold M'Clintock.

Leggatston between Great North and Inverness Junction Railways.

Inauguration of Aberdeen Schools of Navigation and Trade.

Rival schemes for a Buchan Railway promoted, one being by the Great North Company.

Death of the second Bishop Skinner.

John Inglish (Lord Justice General) elected Rector of King's College.

Colonel W. H. Sykes, London (Liberal), elected M.P. for Aberdeen.

Visit of De Lesseps to Aberdeen, and address on the Suez Canal scheme.

First turf of Deeside Railway extension (Banchory to Aboyne) cut.

Last public execution in Aberdeen.

1858.

Memorial of East Kirk Session to Presbytery praying them to recall a resolution passed by them, so far as it discouraged congregations from standing during singing, in the event of their preferring to do so.

Formartine and Buchan Railway sanctioned.

Highland Society's show at Aberdeen.

Managers of Boys' and Girls' Hospital decide by nine to eight to adhere to existing restriction of the office of teacher to members of Established Church.

Aberdeen Music Hall Company formed.

Portrait of Prince Consort, by Phillip, presented to Town Council by subscribers.

Freedom of city conferred on Earl of Stanhope, Lord Rector of Marischal College.

1859.

Head Court of citizens in North Church to conserve interests of Marischal College in view of University Commission's fusion scheme.

Foundation stone of St Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Aberdeen, laid.

Aberdeen Established Presbytery forbid lay preaching.

Commencement of volunteer movement.

"Revival" at Aberdeen and in north.

Alexander Anderson elected Lord Provost of Aberdeen; and held office till 1866.

Alford Valley Railway and Deeside Railway extension to Aboyne opened.

British Association met in Aberdeen — the Prince Consort president.

Freedom of city conferred on Lord John Russell.

Freedom of city conferred on the Earl of Airlie, Lord Rector of Marischal College.

1860.

Cambridge Senior Wranglership won by James Stirling (now Lord Justice Stirling) of Aberdeen.

First march out of Aberdeen Rifle Volunteers (400 strong).

Failure of Messrs J. and A. Blaikie, advocates, Aberdeen.

Queen visited Grantown and Tomintoul.

Fusion of University and King's College of Aberdeen and Marischal College and University of Aberdeen.

Lord Barcaple elected Rector of University.

Torry Battery erected.

1861.

Great autumn flood on Scottish rivers.

Death of Sir Thomas Blaikie.

Riding of city marches.

First turf of Inverness and Perth railway cut at Forres.

Visit of Spurgeon to Aberdeen.

Opening of Formartine and Buchan Railway from Dyce to Mintlaw.

William Leslie of Warthill (Conservative) elected M.P. for Aberdeenshire.

Aberdeen volunteers at the great Edinburgh review.

1862.

Managers of Aberdeen Infirmary, in view of annual deficit of £800, determine to reduce scale of diet to inmates, and withdraw salaries from medical attendants.

Lease of Deeside Railway to Great North Company.

Opening of Formartine and Buchan Railway to Peterhead.

First Rifle Wapinschaw at Aberdeen.

Foundation stone of Crathie Free Church laid by Earl of Dalhousie—Dr Guthrie preaching.

Aberdeen Police and Waterworks Act passed.

Dinner in honour of William M'Combie of Tillyfour, as a distinguished cattle breeder.

Scottish Northern Junction Railway scheme for line from Stonehaven, via Culter and Skene to Kintore, promoted.

Proposals to join north and south railways at Aberdeen by Denburn line, and by "circumbendibus" via Albyn Place.

Freedom of city conferred on Right Hon. Edward Ellice, M.P.

Aberdeen and Northern Friendly Society established.

Mount Street Girls' Reformatory opened.

1863.

Denburn Junction Railway agreed upon after long controversy between Great North and Scottish North-Eastern Companies.

Strathspey section of Great North Railway opened.

First visit of Prince and Princess of Wales to Abergeldie.

Inauguration of monument to Duke of Richmond at Huntly.

Opening of Inverurie Town Hall.

Earl Russell elected Lord Rector of Aberdeen University.

Statue of Prince Consort at Aberdeen unveiled by the Queen, and knighthood conferred on Lord Provost Anderson.

New Grammar School buildings opened.

Town Council decline to petition Parliament against trawling on ground that that system of fishing is not prosecuted at Aberdeen.

Celebration of Prince of Wales's marriage.

1864.

Mails to north of Keith carried by Perth and Inverness Railway instead of Great North, as formerly.

First turf of Aberdeen Waterworks cut by Lord Provost Anderson.

Wreck of Aberdeen Steam Navigation Company's steamer Stanley at Tynemouth—26 lives lost.

Bishop Suther refuses to grant his licence to St Mary's Church, Aberdeen.

Town Council discontinue practice of giving confections at annual visitation of Grammar School; resolves to have annually the name of the best scholar at school inscribed on the walls of the public school as a record.

Review of volunteer force at Aberdeen.

1865

Industrial Schools bazaar; proceeds £1000.

Fraserburgh Extension Railway opened.

First turf of Deeside Railway extension (Aboyne to Ballater) cut.

Launch of missionary ship John Williams for South Seas from Messrs Hall's yard.

Cattle plague or rinderpest; movement to prevent spread of in Aberdeenshire and north.

St Mary's Church, Aberdeen, re-opened with Bishop Suther's licence, the crucifixes and candles having been removed.

"Free Press" made a bi-weekly.

Under new Road Act toll system abolished in Aberdeenshire. There were 92 toll bars, and in 1864 they let for £7764, the introduction of railways having caused a great reduction in the proceeds.

1866.

Tarland post-runner robbed of £378 (in notes).

Infirmary managers decide to remunerate the medical officers.

Sheriff Comrie Thomson decides in favour of public right to catch sea trout in tidal waters of Don; appeal to Circuit Court.

Aberdeen Established Presbytery discuss reading of prayers, and Free Presbytery the subject of hymns and paraphrases.

Scottish North Eastern Railway amalgamated with Caledonian Railway.

Great North and Deeside Railways amalgamated.

Speyside line of Great North opened.

Loss of Cyclone, of Aberdeen, in Eastern seas, with all her crew but two, and of Lady of Lake, of Aberdeen, with crew.

Brilliant meteoric display in November.

Death of Dr Joseph Robertson.

Mr Grant Duff, M.P., elected Rector of Aberdeen University.

Aberdeen Town and County Buildings sanctioned.

Statue of Queen at end of St Nicholas Street unveiled by Prince of Wales, on whom freedom of the city was conferred. The statue was removed to Town-House in 1888.

Aberdeen Waterworks opened by the Queen.

Deeside Railway Extension (Aboyne to Ballater) opened.

Alexander Nicol, shipowner, elected Lord Provost of Aberdeen.

William Dingwall Fordyce of Brucklay (Lib.) elected M.P. for Aberdeenshire.

Sir M. E. Grant Duff, M.P., elected Rector of Aberdeen University.

1867.

Death of John Phillip, R.A., aged 50.

Prince Consort, steamer, wrecked at Burnbanks.

Monument to Charles, 10th Marquis of Huntly, erected on Hill of Mortlach, Aboyne.

Toll system abolished in Banffshire.

Fenian alarm in autumn at Aberdeen, and detachment of 93rd Highlanders ordered up Deeside, the Queen being at Balmoral.

Theed's statue of Prince Consort at Balmoral unveiled—and visit of Queen to Cromar, where she laid lintel stone of Tillypronie House (Sir John F. Clark).

Denburn Junction Railway opened.

Society of Accountants in Aberdeen incorporated.

Fish Market removed from Market Street to the Inches.

1868.

Queen's "Journal in the Highlands" published.

Free Church Presbytery discusses union of the non-Established Churches.

Decision of House of Lords on Drum Bursaries, by which rents of Kinmuck estate are granted in full to Aberdeen University and Grammar School.

Queen visits Tillyfour, where Mr M'Combie, M.P., had the honour of showing his black-polled herd.

Highland Society's show in Aberdeen.

Drought of two months in north of Scotland.

Launch of missionary ship Samoa at Aberdeen.

St Machar Cathedral restored at cost of £3700.

Prince and Princess of Wales visit Dunrobin.

Commencement of homœpathic controversy between Drs Harvey and Smith and Dr Reith at Aberdeen Infirmary. Dr Reith not re-appointed to Infirmary staff.

Bridewell or West Prison abandoned.

Bill dealing with Guildry Funds defeated.

First election after division of Aberdeenshire into two constituencies—William Dingwall-Fordyce, of Brucklay (Liberal), elected M.P. for East division, and William M'Combie (Liberal), of Tillyfour, for West division.

James Moncrieff, Q.C., elected first M.P. for Glasgow and Aberdeen Universities.

Harbour Act obtained for erection of South breakwater, extension of North Pier, diversion of River Dee, and other works.

1869.

Ironclad corvette built at Aberdeen for Japanese Government.

Velocipedes began to make their appearance in Aberdeen, and a traction engine or road steamer for Mr J. F. White's mills arrives in town.

Norwegian submarine cable for Peterhead laid.

Marshal Keith statue at Peterhead unveiled, and foundation stone of new Court House there laid.

Proposed purchase of Torry Farm and erection of bridge over Dee subject of great controversy.

Town Council discontinued ancient practice of one of the Town Sergeants attending West Church every Sunday forenoon in official dress.

First turf of diversion of Dee cut.

Mr William Leslie elected Lord Provost of Aberdeen.

Edward S. Gordon Q.C., elected M.P. for Glasgow and Aberdeen Universities.

1870.

Aberdeen steamer Gambia foundered off the Humber.

Telegraphs transferred to Government.

Association for Improving Condition of Poor started.

Death of Mr William M'Combie, editor of the "Free Press."

Rev. W. Robertson Smith appointed Professor of Hebrew and Exegesis in Aberdeen Free Church College.

Last meeting of Aberdeen Spalding Club.

Police Board purchase ground at Kittybrewster for slaughter-house.

Association for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals formed.

1871.

Steamer City of Aberdeen wrecked at Portbetheu. City of Quebec lost off Dead Man's Island—all hands drowned.

Aberdeen Sailors' Institute opened.

Freedom of city presented to Mr Gladstone.

Foundation stone of Aberdeen Masonic Hall laid.

Nine hours' working day movement.

New Town House opened.

Aberdeen city boundaries extended.

Victoria Park formed.

Amalgamation of Town Council and Police Board.

1872.

On May 4 the "Free Press" became a daily newspaper.

Queen's visit to Dunrobin.

Public meeting in Aberdeen declared against Public Libraries Act by large majority.

First municipal election under the ballot.

Portrait of ex-Lord Provost Anderson presented to Aberdeen Town Council by subscribers.

Professor Huxley elected Lord Rector of Aberdeen University.

Her Majesty's Theatre opened with the production of "The Lady of Lyons."

John Farley Leith, Q.C. (L.), elected M.P. for Aberdeen.

1873.

First School Board election in Aberdeen.

Mr Baird of Auchmedden presented £500,000 to Church of Scotland.

Aberdeen Town Council remit to a committee to report on subject of widening Union Bridge.

Mr Samuel Plimsoll, M.P., visited Aberdeen.

The Queen visited Inverlochy.

United South of Englnd Eleven, with W. G. Grace, played a Northern Counties Twenty-two at Aberdeen.

1874.

Marriage of the Duke of Edinburgh; public banquet and fireworks in Aberdeen.

Mr J. F. Leith re-elected M.P. for Aberdeen.

Extraordinary thunderstorm and floods over the North-East of Scotland in August.

William M'Combie of Tillyfour (L.), re-elected M.P. for West Aberdeenshire.

Aberdeen Tramways opened for traffic on August 31.

Foundation stone of North Pier extension laid by the Duke of Edinburgh.

On October 9, East Church, St Nicholas steeple, with bells, and Drum's Aisle, destroyed by fire.

Money terms were this year changed in Aberdeen from June 20 and December 20 to May 15 and November 11 respectively.

Mr George Jamieson elected Lord Provost of Aberdeen, and held office till 1880.

Terrific storm on East Coast in November; wreck of Veteran, of Shields, at Fraserburgh—11 lives lost.

Town Council resolve to confer freedom of city on the Right Hon. Benjamin Disraeli.

1875.

Mr William Gordon appointed Town-Clerk of Aberdeen.

For the first time since 1761, a "maiden" Circuit Court held in Aberdeen.

Horse racing on Aberdeen Links for first time since 1847.

Opening of Aberdeen Post-Office at foot of Market Street.

Towards end of October great storm raged for eight days in the north—24 vessels wrecked be-

tween Rattray Head and Firth of Forth, and 67 lives lost.

Mr W. E. Forster, M.P., elected Lord Rector of Aberdeen University.

General A. H. Gordon (C.) elected M.P. for East Aberdeenshire.

Convalescent Hospital at Pitfodels, Cults, established.

1876.

Severe snowstorms in the north during January, February, and March.

On April 5, ferryboat disaster on the Dee—32 lives lost.

Lord Douglas Gordon (L.) elected M.P. for West Aberdeenshire.

William Watson (Q.C.), Conservative, elected M.P. for Glasgow and Aberdeen Universities.

Disastrous storm on North-East Coast — 43 fishermen drowned.

At end of year great storm on East Coast, extending over seven days, during which railways snowed up, and 50 to 60 vessels, with over 270 lives, lost.

East Church of Aberdeen re-opened.

Freedom of city conferred on Right Hon. W. E. Forster, Lord Rector of University.

1877.

Formation of Aberdeen Liberal Association.

Public testimonial to Edward, the "Scottish Naturalist."

Social Science Congress in Aberdeen.

Marriage of Lord Aberdeen; rejoicings on estates.

Telephonic experiments between Aberdeen and Inverness.

Sick Children's Hospital founded.

Town Council resolve to confer freedom of city on General Ulysses S. Grant.

1878.

Public meeting in Aberdeen in connection with Russo-Turkish War; resolution in favour of neutrality.

Failure of City of Glasgow Bank.

Meeting in Aberdeen for relief of sufferers by the failure.

Lord Rosebery elected Lord Rector of Aberdeen University.

Freedom of Aberdeen conferred on Sir Arthur Gordon.

Purchase of Ballochbuie Forest by the Queen.

1879.

Town Council abolish bell and petty customs.

Trial of directors and managers of City of Glasgow Bank.

Sir George Macpherson-Grant elected M.P. for Moray and Nairn.

Proposal to lay railway between Udny and Methlick.

Tay Bridge disaster—Sunday, December 28.

1880.

Town Council decide to borrow £140,000 for city improvements.

Exhibition of Prince of Wales's Indian presents in the Town and County Hall.

Portrait of Mr George Thompson of Pitmedden, ex-Lord Provost, and formerly M.P. for the city, painted by Sir George Reid, R.S.A., presented to Town Council by subscribers.

John Webster, LL.D., advocate (L.), elected M.P. for Aberdeen.

Dr Farquharson (L.), elected M.P. for West Aberdeenshire.

Mr J. A. Campbell (C.), elected M.P. for Glasgow and Aberdeen Universities.

Mr Peter Esslemont elected Lord Provost of Aberdeen.

Gale on coast; great loss of life.

1881.

Great jewel robbery in Aberdeen; Messrs G. Jamieson and Son's premises broken into, and £3000 worth of jewellery carried off.

Severe snowstorm in the north, blocking railways and destroying telegraphic communication.

Public recognition in Music Hall of services rendered in Afghan War by 92nd Highlanders.

Lord Aberdeen appointed Lord High Commissioner to General Assembly of Church of Scotland.

Professor Robertson Smith deposed.

Royal Assent given to Aberdeen Corporation Act, 1881.

Victoria Bridge formally opened by Town Council.

Fine Art Exhibition opened in Town and County Hall.

Mr Asher elected M.P. for Elgin Burghs.

Violent north-westerly gale; 15 fishermen lost off Aberdeenshire coast, and 58 at Shetland.

Freedom of city conferred on Sir John Anderson.

Anderson library gifted to Woodside.

On August 27 first turf of the Duthie Park cut by the Earl of Aberdeen.

Great volunteer review in Edinburgh.

Agitation in the north for reform of Land Laws; mass meeting of farmers in Aberdeen.

Aberdeen Town Council resolved that the procession to Church on first Sunday after municipal election be discontinued.

"Robert Gordon's Hospital" changed to "Robert Gordon's College," and its constitution altered.

Testimonial to Professor Robertson Smith, presented in Edinburgh.

Dr Alexander Bain elected Lord Rector of Aberdeen University.

Body of the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres stolen from the mortuary at Dunecht House.

1882.

The "Evening Gazette" started.

Duke of Edinburgh inspects Coastguards along Scottish coast, and opens Inverness Town Hall.

Sir Erasmus Wilson founds Pathology Chair at Aberdeen University.

Body of Earl of Crawford and Balcarres recovered. Charles Soutar tried at High Court of Justiciary in Edinburgh for complicity in outrage, and sentenced to five years' penal servitude.

Steam trawling introduced at Aberdeen.

Aberdeen New Market burned; one life lost.

Launch and loss of the steamer Balgairn, of Aberdeen.

Industrial Exhibition in Town and County Hall.

Railway accident at Inverythan, November 27.

1883.

Death of Bishop Suther.

First turf of Moray Firth Coast Railway cut.

Duthie Park, presented by Miss E. C. Duthie, of Ruthrieston, opened by Princess Beatrice.

Aberdeen New Market re-opened after restoration.

Anderson Library, Woodside, opened.

Aberdeen Extension and Improvement Act authorising Rosemount Viaduct and other works, passed.

Parcel post established.

Gray's School of Art opened.

Prince of Wales visits Banff.

Mr James Matthews, architect, elected Lord Provost of Aberdeen.

Freedom of city conferred on Lord Aberdeen and Right Hon. Sir Richard Assheton Cross.

1884.

Lord Rosebery presented with freedom of city.
Trade Union Congress in Aberdeen.
Ancient city seal (1430) presented to town by representatives of late Mr William Smith.
Mr Gladstone at Aberdeen and Haddo House.
Franchise demonstration in north.
Messrs Milne's woodyard, Aberdeen, burned: loss, £30,000.
Peterhead chosen as a site for Harbour of Refuge, to be built by convict labour.
Aberdeen Art Gallery opened.
Colours presented to the local Militia by Prince and Princess of Wales.
Public meeting of Aberdeen householders resolve to adopt Free Libraries Act.

1885.

Brander Library at Huntly opened.
Aberdeen Graving Dock opened.
Northern Assurance Company's new head offices opened.
British Association met in Aberdeen—Sir Lyon Playfair president.
Highland Society's show at Aberdeen.
New Bridge over Dee at Ballater opened.
New harbour offices opened.
Art bequest to city by Mr Macdonald of Kepplestone.
Rosemount Viaduct erected.
First election after division of Aberdeen into two constituencies — Dr W. A. Hunter (Lib.), elected M.P. for North Division, and Mr James Bryce (Lib.), for South Division.
Mr Peter Esslemont (Lib.) re-elected M.P. for East Aberdeenshire.
Mechanics' Institution, Market Street, handed over for Public Library.

1886.

Aberdeen Volunteer Medical Staff Corps formed.
New Spalding Club formed.
Riverside Road opened.
Crofter Commission commenced sittings at Dornoch.
Crofter agitations and disturbances in Skye.
Aberdeen Educational Trust established.
Mr William Henderson elected Lord Provost of Aberdeen.
Society of Solicitors in Aberdeen instituted.

1887.

Severe storm early in April; large loss of life at sea.

Death of Sir Alexander Anderson.

Queen's Jubilee in Aberdeen; inauguration of St Nicholas bells.

Scheme for Royal Infirmary extension inaugurated by Sir William Henderson.

Official robes provided for Lord Provost and Magistrates.

1888.

Marquis of Lorne presented with freedom of city.

Aberdeen half-yearly Fast Days abolished as holidays and other days chosen.

Statues of Wallace and of General Gordon in Aberdeen unveiled.

Dunecht Observatory instruments presented to nation by Earl of Crawford and Balcarres.

1889.

Aberdeen University Court established.

Schoolhill Viaduct completed.

Congregational Union of Scotland met in Aberdeen.

Aberdeen Fish Market opened.

Marriage of Earl of Fife with Princess Louise of Wales.

Shah of Persia visits Deeside.

Riding of outer city marches.

Mr (now Sir) David Stewart elected Lord Provost of Aberdeen.

"Capture" of the city by H.M.S. Anson during naval manœuvres.

1890.

Educational Institute Congress in Aberdeen.

Election of First County Councils.

Forth Bridge opened.

Death of Mr Andrew Penny of Park.

Mr Henry M. Stanley, explorer, presented with freedom of city.

Marquis of Huntly elected Rector of Aberdeen University.

Freedom of city conferred on Dr W. A. Hunter, M.P.

1891.

First application in Aberdeen of Koch's lymph, made in Royal Infirmary on a phthisis patient.

Mr (now Sir) George Reid appointed President of Royal Scottish Academy.

Braemar Lion Face Right-of-Way case.
Aberdeen University Extension Scheme started.
Aberdeen city boundaries extended to include Old Aberdeen, Woodside, and Torry.

1892.

Extension of tramway system to Bridge of Don.
Principal Geddes knighted.
Burns statue in Aberdeen unveiled.
Mr Gladstone at Braemar.
Electric light for the city agreed upon.
Marchioness of Lorne and Princess Beatrice take part in opening new Infirmary Buildings.
Dr Charles Mitchell began connection with University extension scheme; ultimately contributing in all about £30,000.
Public Library Building opened in Rosemount Viaduct.
Freedom of city conferred on Mr Andrew Carnegie.

1893.

Lord Provost Henderson knighted.
Union Terrace Gardens—after improvement—opened to the public.
Consecration of Jewish synagogue in Aberdeen.
Jewish prosecutions.
Unveiling of Queen's Statue at corner of St Nicholas Street.

1894.

Duke of York at Highland Society's show.
Opening of new Dee and Don tramway service.
First sod of Cruden Railway cut.
Princess of Wales arrives in Aberdeen by Royal yacht Osborne.
Dr William Alexander died.
Terrific gale in Scotland; great destruction of property.
Public electric lighting introduced.
Stewart Park, Woodside, opened.

1895.

Aberdeen parishes united into Aberdeen City Parish.
Crathie collided with Elbe; 374 lives lost.
Queen visited Medical Staff Corps camp at Birkhall.
New Crathie Church opened in presence of Queen.
Oldmill Reformatory inquiry.
Railway race to London; record running.
Opening of Maryculter Bridge.

Mr Daniel Mearns elected Lord Provost of Aberdeen.
University extension celebrations. Inauguration of Mitchell Tower.
Aberdeen City Lectures started.

1896.

Unionist demonstration and presentation to ex-Lord Provost Stewart.
The new photography—successful operations in Aberdeen.
Captain Pirie (Gladstonian Liberal) elected for North Aberdeen.
Knighthood for ex Lord Provost Stewart.
Sir David Stewart's portrait, by W. Q. Orchardson, R.A., presented to the city.
Opening of new Salvation Army Citadel.
Aberdeen student, Mr W. G. Fraser, Senior Wrangler at Cambridge.
First Hospital Saturday in Aberdeen.
Prince of Wales and Duke of York on Speyside.
Emperor and Empress of Russia at Balmoral.
Disastrous fire in "People's Palace" seven persons killed and several injured.
Decision in tramway street salting case—adverse to the company.
Educational Congress in Aberdeen.

1897.

Light Railway Commissioners sat in Aberdeen in regard to Skene and Echt light railway scheme.
Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations in Aberdeen.
Loss of the State of Georgia.
Opening of dry docks at Fraserburgh.
Steamship Collynie lost off Aberdeen: eleven drowned.
Montrose bought harbour from Duke of Fife for £13,000.
Jubilee celebrations in Aberdeen.
Aberdeen Parish Council Office built.
Professor Johnston boycotted by Divinity students.
The Town Council purchase Burnside Estate for £27,300.
Lord and Lady Huntly entertained by Aboyne tenantry.
Death of Dr Alexander Profeit, H.M. Commissioner at Balmoral.
Death of Principal Brown, Aberdeen Free Church College.

1898.

Union of Free and U.P. Churches at New Pitsligo.

Mr John Fleming, wood merchant, elected Lord Provost.

Mr J. B. Hegarty appointed postmaster of Aberdeen.

Semi-jubilee of Rev. Dr Cooper and Rev. John Calder.

Return of Lord and Lady Aberdeen from Canada. Entertained at Aberdeen.

Appointment of Monsignor Chisholm to the Roman Catholic Bishopric of Aberdeen.

Opening of new Palace Theatre at Aberdeen.

Town Council decided to introduce electric cars.

Death of Bishop Macdonald, Aberdeen.

1899.

Lord Strathcona appointed Lord Rector of Aberdeen University.

Rev. T. B. Kilpatrick, Aberdeen, appointed Professor at Manitoba College, Winnipeg.

Mr J. Arthur Thomson, Edinburgh, appointed Professor of Natural Philosophy at Aberdeen.

Rev. Dr Robson, Aberdeen, appointed Moderator of U.P. Synod.

Aberdeen Parish Council decided to purchase Oldmill property for new poorhouse.

Aberdeen created the county of a city Lord Provost Fleming appointed Lord-Lieutenant.

The Nellfield Cemetery scandals. Sensation in Aberdeen.

New colours presented to the Gordons by the Prince of Wales.

Professor Nicol appointed to the Chair of Biblical Criticism.

Sir John Struthers, Emeritus Professor of Anatomy at Aberdeen, died.

1900

Captain Pirie, M.P., ordered to South Africa.

Men of the 1st V.B. Gordon Highlanders volunteer for South Africa.

Death of Principal Sir William Geddes.

Rev. Dr Marshall Lang appointed Principal of Aberdeen University.

Tramway to Torry disallowed by Parliament.

Mr James Bryce and Captain Pirie re-elected M.P.'s for South and North Aberdeen respectively at general election.

"Stop the war" disturbances in Aberdeen.

Detachment of West African Frontier force reviewed by the Queen at Balmoral.

Dr Farquharson re-elected M.P. for West Aberdeenshire, and Mr T. R. Buchanan ousted by Mr A. W. Maconochie, East Aberdeenshire.

Gordon Highlanders Memorial unveiled in Duthie Park.

Lord Mount Stephen gave £25,000 to Aberdeen Infirmary.

Lord Strathcona offers £25,000 provided £50,000 was raised during 1901, and Mr C. W. Mitchell, Newcastle, became responsible for Aberdeen University debt—about £20,000.

1901.

Stabbing case in Park Street.

Death of Sheriff-Substitute Burnet.

Mourning in Aberdeen for Queen Victoria's death.

Resignation of Dr Ogilvie, Gordon's College.

Freedom of the city to Mr C. W. Mitchell.

Census returns give population of Aberdeen as 153,497.

Failure of prominent solicitor.

Semi-jubilee of Principal Salmond.

Beach tramway opened.

Professor N. J. D. Kennedy appointed Professor of Law in University.

Lord Mount Stephen gives £40,000 to augment stipends of ministers in Banffshire.

Opening of new chapel at Blairs College.

1902.

Lord Strathcona gives £25,000 to University extension scheme.

Declaration of Peace. Return of Volunteers from South Africa.

Meeting held regarding proposals for a Sculpture Museum.

Branch reading rooms for the Public Library decided on.

Coronation of the King—August 9.

Hon. C. T. Ritchie elected Lord Rector of University.

North U.F. Church adopt the "Manchester scheme."

1903.

Sewer tunnel at Torry finished.

Death of Mr William Hunter, advocate.

Johannessen case.

Death of Dr C. W. Mitchell, Newcastle.
Loss of s.s. Gloucester, of Aberdeen—10 men drowned.
Torrey-Alexander mission.
Mr Lloyd-George in Aberdeen.

1904.

Closing of the Bannermill.
Visit of the Alake of Abeokuta.
Death of Sir William Henderson.
House of Lords decision in Free Church case.
Visit of General Booth by motor-car.
Case regarding charge for tickets for Public Library.
Visit of Sir Henry Irving.
Activity in political affairs connected with Mr Chamberlain's proposals.

1905.

Bequest of £5000 to Aberdeen University by Mr W. Knox.
Fire at Ogston and Tennant's.
Mr A. M. Munro appointed City Chamberlain.
Death of Principal Salmond.
Dr Iverach appointed Principal of U.F.C. College.
Mr George Coats of Paisley purchases the estate of Glentana.
Meeting of Oldmachar Heritors.
Mr Alexander Lyon elected Lord Provost.
Aberdeen F.C. admitted to Scottish League (First Division).

1906.

General Election. Messrs Bryce and Pirie returned for the city by largely increased majorities. Messrs Henderson and Annand returned for the county.
Death of Mr Annand, M.P.
Mr James Murray returned unopposed for East Aberdeenshire.
Boating fatality on the Don — three lads drowned.
Resignation of Mr William Moffatt, G.N.S.R., and appointment of Mr George Davidson as manager.
Bishop Ellis appointed to the diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney.
Scheme for widening Union Bridge at a cost of £9500 adopted.
Visit of Franco-Scottish Society.
University Quatercentenary Celebrations from September 25 to 28. Royal Visit on the 27th.

and opening of new Marischal College Buildings; knighthood for Lord Provost Lyon.

Visit of South African Rugby team.

Opening of His Majesty's Theatre, Rosemount Viaduct.

Jubilee of Principal Marshall Lang.

Great snowstorm. Isolation of Aberdeen. Railway accident at Arbroath.

1907.

Gift of £400 a year from Hon. A. M'Robert, Cawnpore, for foundation of a fellowship in cancer research at Aberdeen University.

Legacy of £3000 from the late Dr Wight, Aberdeen, to found medical bursaries at Aberdeen University.

Dr Danson inducted Dean of the Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney.

Professor Neil J. D. Kennedy, K.C., Aberdeen, appointed Sheriff of Renfrew.

Presentation of Cruickshank window and other gifts to Aberdeen University.

Northern Co-operative Company crisis.

Banffshire by-election — Captain Waring returned.

Aberdeen Harbour Board agreed to proceed with widening of Provost Blaikie's Quay at cost of £29,500.

South Aberdeen by-election—Mr G. B. Esslemont returned.

Crane accident at Craigellachie — four men killed.

Gift of £1000 by Lord Mount Stephen to Aberlour Orphanage.

Gift of £10,000 to Aberdeen Royal Infirmary by Lord Mount Stephen.

Aberdeen Harbour Board resolved to obtain floating dock and construct other works at cost of £96,250.

Aberdeen Gymnastic Club won International Championship.

Rev. D. S. Cairns appointed to Chair of Apologetics and Systematic Theology at Aberdeen.

Fire at Peterhead; damage £12,000.

Government grant of £25,000 to Fraserburgh Harbour Scheme.

Gift of £35,000 by Lord Mount Stephen to Aberlour Orphanage.

Gift of £10,000 by Mr Andrew Carnegie to Aberdeen Technical College.

Mr Andrew J. Young, advocate, appointed Sheriff-Substitute at Aberdeen in succession to late Sheriff Robertson.

Girdleness outfall sewer works inaugurated.

1908.

Joseph Hume sentenced to death at Aberdeen for Lhanbryd murder.

Death of Professor John Dove Wilson.

Death of Mr J. W. Crombie, M.P. for Kincardineshire.

Kincardineshire by-election — Captain A. C. Murray returned.

Gift of £26,000 by Lord Mount Stephen to Aberdeen Royal Infirmary.

Knighthood conferred on Mr John Fleming Aberdeen.

Gift of £1600 by Dr Mackay, Inverness, for treatment of phthisis in Inverness Northern Infirmary.

Resignation of Professor Hamilton of the Chair of Pathology in Aberdeen University.

Inauguration of new water supply at Inverurie.

Scheme of educational unification adopted by Governors of Robert Gordon's College.

Opening of Northern Branch of Aberdeen Savings Bank by Sir Albert Rollit.

Gift of municipal chambers to Turriff by Provost Hutcheon.

Death of Sheriff Reid.

Mr A. J. Louttit Laing appointed Sheriff-Substitute for Aberdeen, Kincardine, and Banff.

Aberdeen Rectorial election—Mr Asquith returned with a three-nation victory.

Foundation stone of Aberdeen Masonic Temple laid.

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